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H.B. No. 2704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the electronic submission of bids for construction
3 contracts for certain conservation and reclamation districts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 49, Water Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 49.2731 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 49.2731. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC BIDS. (a) A
8 district may receive bids under Section 49.273 through electronic
9 transmission if the board of the district adopts rules to ensure the
10 identification, security, and confidentiality of electronic bids
11 and to ensure that the electronic bids remain effectively unopened
12 until the proper time.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an
14 electronic bid or proposal is required to be sealed. A provision of
15 this chapter that applies to a sealed bid applies to a bid received
16 through electronic transmission in accordance with the rules
17 adopted under Subsection (a).

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.